

Florence, New Jersey  
November 9, 2005

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by President Fratinardo at 10:30 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 2, 2005 and January 16, 2005; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President  
Frank Baldorossi  
Bruce Garganio  
Elizabeth Ryan

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

#### **MINUTES**

None at this time.

#### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Garganio to receive and file the Chief of Police's report for October. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Garganio to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that as an Environmental Commission member he received a call from a resident regarding a foul odor coming from Garelick Farms. He then called police dispatch, which gave him a contact number to call the plant directly. A gentleman answered and stated that he no longer works there but offered to call the plant manager himself. Mr. Bott was concerned that dispatch did not have an updated phone number.

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Mr. Bott requested that the Environmental Commissioners have badges identifying themselves.

Mr. Bott stated that in the Trenton Times last week there was an article regarding the nerve gas from Tennessee. At the bottom of the article it stated that they still plan to transport the byproduct to New Jersey when the appropriate agencies give their approval. Council Vice President Ryan stated that she has been personally following this issue and she does not believe that any agency in New Jersey will ever grant approval and the New Jersey Congressional Delegation will fight it tooth and nail. She explained that the municipality has done all it can to express their concern.

Mr. Bott feels that the Ordinance regarding election signs should be amended to read that every political sign should be taken down within twenty-four hours after the election. Any signs that are not taken down the political party to which they belong should be fined.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Ryan; seconded by Baldorossi to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-212**

**APPROVING CWA LOCAL 1034 CONTRACT  
FOR 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011**

**RESOLUTION 2005-213**

**TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-214**

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1  
TALL PINES WATER AND SEWER  
PACT CONSTRUCTION, INC., P.O. BOX 74, RINGOES, NJ 08551**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2005-212 through 214 be approved.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sandusky

Unanimous. Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-25  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE  
SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND  
IMPLEMENTING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND THE COMMUNICATIONS  
WORKERS OF AMERICA**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2005-25 on second reading for adoption.

**Public Comment**

Council President Fratinardo opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to close the public hearing.  
All ayes – motion carried.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sandusky

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2005-29  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO  
AMEND AND ESTABLISH FEES FOR PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2005-29 on first reading and set adoption for December 7, 2005.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sandusky

Unanimous approval.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Council Member Baldorossi questioned the ownership of a certain property due to maintenance problems. Administrator Brook stated that it is owned by a gentleman out of the country who passed away. His attorney is working on taking over formal deed and title to the property. Council Member Baldorossi stated that the grass needs to be cut. Administrator Brook will make proper notification and follow through to make sure the grass gets cut.
- Council Member Baldorossi stated it was brought to his attention that a Public Works employee was gathering up leaves on Third Avenue and leaving them in the street by the corner of Third and Riverside Avenue, which is taking up parking spaces. He asked that they remove them at the end of the day. Administrator Brook stated that the Public Works department is working on leaf collection in the country area this week. He does not believe that it would have been a Public Works employee but will look into.

Administrator Brook reported that since the leaves are slow in coming down this year the Public Works Department may not begin leaf collection in Roebling on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. Collection may begin in Roebling at the end of next week or November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Administrator Brook stated that he has spoken with Richard Pendle, Public Works Superintendent, and they have blocked out dates in December for leaf collection in the country area.

Mayor Muchowski stated that he saw a gentleman working with a leaf blower near BCCAP's building the other day. The resident that contacted Council Member Baldorossi could have mistaken him for a Public works employee. Administrator Brook will look into.

- Council President Fratinardo congratulated Council Member Baldorossi, Garganio and Sandusky on their re-election to Council.

#### **Mayor Muchowski**

- Mayor Muchowski thanked Administrator Brook for his time and effort on the CWA contract.
- Gary Centinaro, Housing Authority Director, spoke with him early and reported that they are in the midst of getting a mobile medical and dental clinic at the

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Maplewood Homes in the middle of December. It is open to all residents of the community without insurance. Mr. Centinaro does not have all the details yet. Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. Centinaro to forward the details to Administrator Brook when he has them so the residents can be advised. Council Vice President Ryan stated that the Medicaid and Family Care programs have expanded and asked that the mobile unit have applications on hand for the uninsured. This would be an opportunity to get them the care they need plus maybe get them longer term insurance. Mayor Muchowski suggested coordinating through Dave Dennison, Recreation Director, and have a table set up outside of the mobile unit.

- Mayor Muchowski received an email from a North Jersey resident regarding a celebratory event that was held on September 11, 2005. This event was permitted and approved by the municipality in which it was held. The author of the email is contacting municipalities to create Ordinances that would set aside September 11<sup>th</sup> as a day not to hold celebratory events. Mayor Muchowski asked her to send him information as to what other municipalities have done for Council to discuss at December's Worksession.
- Mayor Muchowski stated that there will be a 5K Run in Burlington Township held in honor of Joshua Shafer who lives in Florence Township. Josh was diagnosed with leukemia in 2004. For Council's information he stated that there are signs advertising the run posted throughout the township.

### **Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Assistant Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council Member Garganio asked if **Cream-O-Land** has been notified that the **fence** they put up was in **violation** and if so what their response was? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they have been notified. They have not responded yet but have until sometime in December.

Mayor Muchowski stated that Cream-O-Land has significantly increased their on site truck parking and asked if that was part of their site plan? Council Member Garganio stated that would be part of their site plan.

Council Member Garganio has been approached by residents regarding the condition of **Coachmans Drive, Kings Court and Knights Court**. He asked that these roads be looked at for the **next road program**. Administrator Brook will have it looked at for spring work, which will be crack sealing and patching.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at his time.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing at this time.

11:00 PM MOTION by Garganio, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11:00 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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